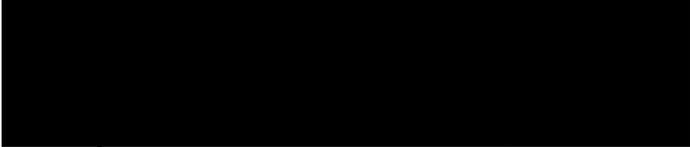


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23 July 1954

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director/Plans
Assistant Director/National Estimates
Assistant Director/Scientific Intelligence
Assistant Director/Research and Reports
Assistant Director/Current Intelligence
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Assistant Director/Communications
Assistant Director/Personnel
Director of Training
Director of Security
General Counsel

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Chief, Reference Branch, CIA Library

SUBJECT: Subscriptions to Soviet Newspapers and Periodicals
for Calendar Year 1955

1. Attached to this memorandum are two copies of a list of Soviet newspapers and periodicals which were generally available in 1954. The following action is requested:

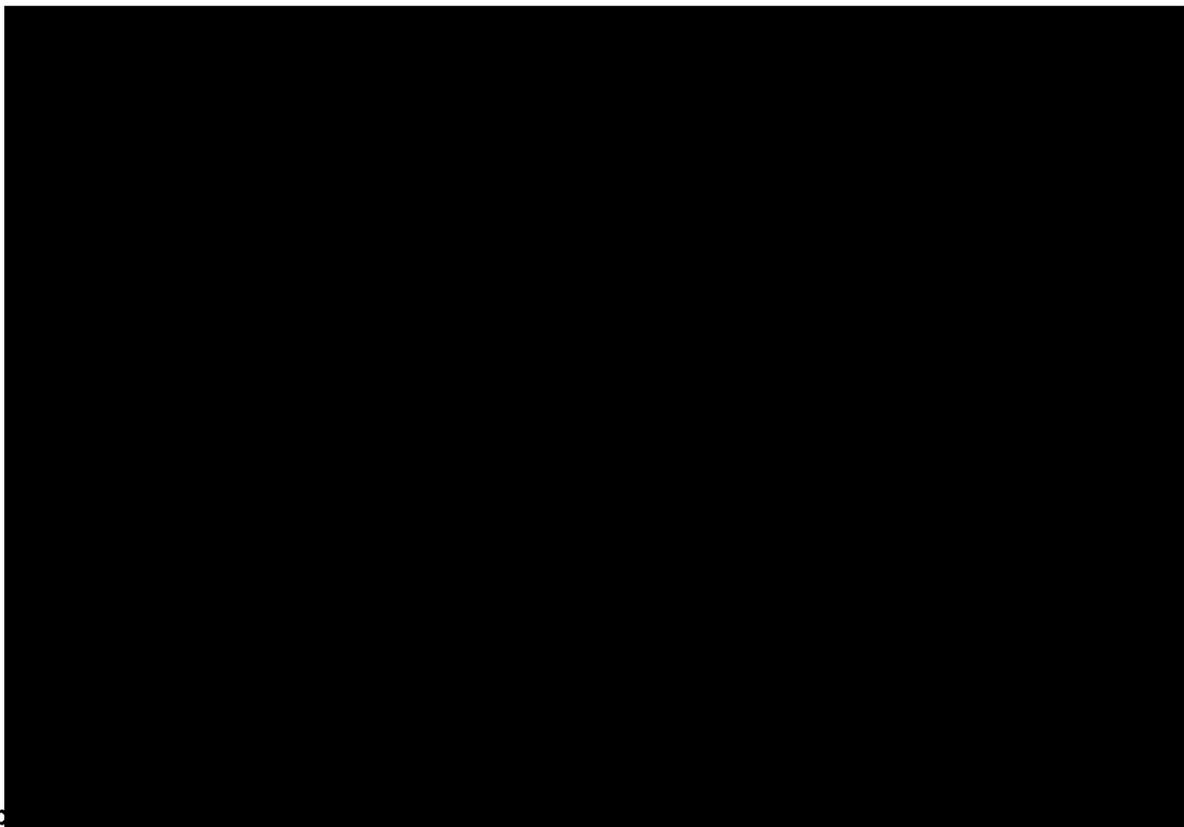
- a. Check one copy of this list indicating those titles required by your office in Calendar Year 1955.
- b. Prepare IBM Library order cards for each of the titles required including the following information:
 - (1) Title in transliterated Russian and in Cyrillic if possible. Do not submit English translations of titles.
 - (2) Name and address of the individual or office to which the periodical or newspaper is to be delivered.
 - (3) IBM Office Code if known.

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- (4) Any special instructions.
 - (5) Initials of Document Procurement Committee Member, or other authorized approving officer.
- c. Forward checked copy of list with order cards to Chief, Book Branch, CIA Library no later than 6 August 1974.
2. Do not include orders at this time for Russian language titles published outside the Soviet Union. Those will be included in a request for orders for general periodicals at a later date.
 3. To assist you in deciding what titles to order and the number of copies to order, the following information is furnished:
 - a. The CIA Library will subscribe for one copy of each title in the attached list for its own collections and for loan purposes. In addition, one copy of each title will be acquired for the Foreign Documents Division/OD, where the contents will be exploited and the results published. In requesting subscriptions for office use, therefore, limit such orders to those titles where detailed office analysis or exploitation is required on a current basis, and neither the services of FDD, nor the provision of a loan copy from the Library would be adequate.

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c. Subscriptions are accepted [redacted] on a calendar year basis only under normal circumstances; therefore, it is essential that the list which you submit be the complete requirements for the year 1955 for your office.

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d. It must be kept in mind that the [redacted] American Embassy, Moscow, handles the subscription requests from all government departments in ad-

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title required, and that a maximum sharing program of these single copies be developed within each office where a number of individuals or branches must have access to the contents.

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Assistant Director
Collection and Dissemination

Attachments: 2 copies of List

cc: Deputy Director/Intelligence
Comptroller

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

MEMORANDUM FOR: Special Assistant, Intelligence, Department of State
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Department of Army
Director of Naval Intelligence, Department of Navy
Director of Intelligence, Department of Air Force
Director of Intelligence, Atomic Energy Commission

SUBJECT: Discontinuance of Publication "Periodical Abstracts"

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1. At the last meeting of the Exploitation Subcommittee of the [REDACTED] Committee on Foreign Language Publications, agreement was reached on a new system of abstracting Soviet journals of the type now covered by the Foreign Documents Division publication "Periodical Abstracts." Under this system, the abstracts will be more closely oriented to the specific needs of each agency, and they will be issued on individual cards. They will be produced on a cooperative basis by this Agency (FDD) and the Department of the Air Force (ATIC and AID), and possibly by other participating intelligence components. Arrangements are being made for direct dissemination of these cards by the producing agency to other agencies requiring them.

2. We shall therefore discontinue publication of "Periodical Abstracts" as of 1 June 1954 and simultaneously undertake the preparation of abstracts in card form. This proposal has been concurred in by all members of the Exploitation Subcommittee.

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Assistant Director
Collection and Dissemination

OAD/O:LLD:hbd (7 May 54)

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Assistant Director for Collection and
Dissemination
MEMO : Assistant Director for Intelligence Coordination
Assistant Director for Operations

Discontinuance of Publication "Periodical Abstracts"

1. The publication of "Periodical Abstracts" was discontinued once before on 26 December 1950 as the result of a decision by an SIC Subcommittee. At that time a strong protest was received from Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2 as a result of which we had to begin publication again.

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2. At the last meeting of the Exploitation Subcommittee of the [REDACTED] Committee, each representative concurred in the discontinuance of the Foreign Documents Division publication "Periodical Abstracts" in view of a Subcommittee-developed system of abstracts more pin-pointed to the needs of each agency.

3. I believe it judicious at this time to forewarn the other agencies of our intent to act on the Subcommittee agreement, so that if there is some disagreement between the policy people and their representatives on the Subcommittee, we may be made aware of it prior to the actual date of discontinuance.

4. It is therefore recommended that the attached memorandum be signed and forwarded to each of the IAC agencies.

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CC: [REDACTED]

GEORGE G. GARDY

Enclosure:

Suggested memo to each
IAC agency, same subject
as above

FDD:JJB/jaa (5 May 54)

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